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FIVE CENTS

On the National Picket Line

The long threatened, oft-postponed truck drivers' strike, involving upwards of 6,000 men, broke last night in New York City when a final effort to settle differences by negotiations broke up.

Mayor LaGuardia made this statement and then immediately declared a state of emergency, revoked all standard work days for the police, manned 50 additional patrol cars, ordered that all highways and by-passes into the city be patrolled to prevent disorder, put on 30 additional mounted police, and another 30 motorcycle cops.

He said that maybe the strikers have a right to be mad, but he is out to see that they don't do anything about it.

This strike has been brewing for almost two months. On August 31, the old contracts held by three drivers' unions expired — Local 807 with 10,000 members, Locals 282 and 816 with about 2,500 each—and the employers refused to sign new contracts in which one week's vacation with pay was the new demand. Instead they countered with a demand that the overtime clause in the old contract be eliminated. Under the terms of this clause, overtime begins at 5 p. m. no matter how many hours the man has worked during the day.

They demanded that overtime begin after 8 working hours have expired. The unions refused this demand and set midnight, August 31 as the deadline for strike action. Just before the zero hour, however, Locals 282 and 816 signed contracts with the three organizations — the Merchant Truckmen's Bureau, the Master Truckmen's Ass'n., and the Highway Transport Ass'n.

Faced with this situation, Local 807 agreed to a one-week stay in strike action. Since that time repeated offers have been granted. Mayor LaGuardia and the State Mediation Board have both tried in vain to bring the two sides together. Last week on Sunday the Merchants' Bureau made a direct appeal to President Daniel Tobin to "avert" the strike.

While Local 807 has about 10,000 members, several thousands of these will not be directly involved in the strike. 600 small employers have signed the new contract with 807. The bosses are counting on the existence of contracts between themselves and locals 282 and 816 to keep the strike from becoming effective. In addition Local 807 has agreed that "defense materials, perishable foodstuffs, and newspaper will be allowed to move."

In my humble opinion it behooves the employers well not to become optimistic. First — working union truck drivers will not go through their brothers' picket lines.

Governor Would Prostitute Education

Stassen Charged at Carstater Hearing

Carstater's Attorney Throws Bombshell into Civil Service Hearing—Charges Stassen and Burnquist with Seeking to Politicize State Department of Education—Charges John Kinzer Switched to Stassen Camp After His Relative, Schmid, Received Carstater's Job

"We will rely upon the facts to show that the State Board of Education, the governor, and the attorney general are directly responsible for the delay of 38 days which followed the adoption of the board's request on July 9th . . . By submitting the proof we expect to place the blame for delay in instituting Minnesota's national defense program where it belongs which is squarely upon the backs of the governor, the attorney general and the state board of education."

With this bombshell launched by Benjamin Drake, attorney for Carstater, the defense in the Carstater case opened up at the third session of the civil service board hearing

Civil Service Little Security

The Carstater case raises the question of just what protection the state civil service law offers state employees. Just what chance would an average worker, on a highway job say, have if fired by an anti-labor foreman. The worker would be without work and faced with financing a long and expensive hearing before the civil service board.

The civil service law doesn't really secure jobs for state employees. The law should be changed in this respect, so that if charges are placed against one, one should not be removed from the payroll until the charges have been proven or disproven.

Monday, October 7th, in the state office building.

Charges Stassen Politics Drake made an opening statement outlining the defense to be made against the charges of the Stassen machine and charging that "the proceeding is not in fact and in truth an attempt to discipline or dismiss an erring employee, but an attempt to invade and politicize a State Department of Education and prostitute it to the uses of politicians and political organizations."

Last two witnesses called by M. T. Evans, assistant attorney general handling the case for the state board of education were Laura Marles and T. B. Catlin, floor manager in the basement store of the Dayton department store.

Miss Marles testified that Carstater had been in Caledonia on August 19, 1938, the time and place at which Carstater is charged (Continued on page 4)

City Council Open Hearing On Slave Law

Wednesday afternoon the Minneapolis city council studied the Central Labor Union's resolution memorializing the council to place itself on record for the repeal of the Stassen Slave Labor Law. Harold Seavey and Bill Sinnott, spokesmen respectively for the Teamsters Joint Council and the Central Labor Union, spoke in behalf of the resolution.

The council voted that its ordinance and legislation committee will hold a special public hearing on the proposed measure Friday, October 18, at 10 a. m. in room 319, city hall. Scores of union leaders are expected to attend the hearing.

New By-Laws Adopted by 359 Members

The Warehouse Employees Union Local 359 at its regular membership meeting Tuesday, October 8, voted to adopt the by-laws presented by the By-Laws Committee. The by-laws will be sent to the International for approval.

Following are excerpts from the by-laws:

The full membership of the union shall meet on the second Tuesday of each month. The monthly dues shall be \$2 due and payable on the first of each month in advance, and if not paid in the current month the member shall be considered delinquent and pay \$2.50 for that month. The initiation fee for new members shall be \$5 and shall include the current month's dues.

Members who become delinquent more than three months may be reinstated by paying \$5 reinstatement fee, plus back dues. Failure of any dues collecting agents to appear at place of employment to collect dues does not relieve any member of his obligation to pay dues.

After the by-laws have been approved by the International they will be printed and a copy given each member. Members are urged to acquaint themselves with the by-laws and abide by them.

They Drive By Night!



Harry Chase Charles Penrod Franklin Smith Around the world 220 times without an accident! That is the safety record of 87 union drivers of the Yellow Transit Freight Lines, and awards are being issued in recognition of this superb achievement.

Acc among the 87 is Harry W. Chase who has driven a distance of 1,085,324 miles in the past 20 years without an accident. Charles Henry Penrod and J. Franklin Smith have a credit of 11 years without an accident. The remaining drivers range from one to nine years in the safety column.

Through dark foggy nights, through sleet, snow, rain and storm, encountering all types of road conditions, these 87 men travel the roads of seven states and have a company average of being on time 98% in the year 1939.

In Cabinet Strike

Iowa Farmers Back Burlington Union

Union Committee Will Be Set Up to Work with Farmers Union—Public Supports Strike, Many Donations to Strike Fund—Leopold Desk Workers Draw Up Demands—Strikers Tell Foremen: "No Such Thing as Neutrality in Strike"

Burlington, Iowa—"We farmers offer you strikers full support in your struggle. The Chamber of Commerce which opposes you has built up the Farm Bureau, which is nothing more than a company union to disrupt and disorganize the real dirt farmers' union."

That is what two representatives of the Iowa Farmers Union told employees of the Northwestern Cabinet company at a strike meeting early this week. The strikers, organized by the AFL's North Central District Council of Furniture & Woodware Workers, voted to set up a committee to meet and cooperate with the Farmers Union so they can better understand conditions of their respective organizations and carry on together against their common enemy, the exploiters. The union committee will meet with the various unions in Burlington to propose a program of close relations with the farmers of that vicinity.

Officers of the Farmers Union are laying plans to feed the Burlington strikers and thus aid them in achieving victory.

Public Behind Strike

Strike leaders report everything under union control. The public is backing the strikers 100% against the low-wage Northwestern Cabinet outfit. Among organizations lending substantial financial aid to strikers are the Burlington Trades & Labor Assembly (\$25); the Burlington Teamsters Union Local 218 (\$25); and the Firefighters (\$10). The Machinists Union Local 10 and the Boilermakers Union have also contributed.

Both the NLRB and the state labor department had investigators (Continued on page 4)

544 Membership to Hear Report Monday On Court Decision

Defense Training To Be Aired

Clifford K. Lush, assistant city director of the defense training program, will be one of the several speakers who have agreed to speak at the open meeting on defense training this Friday, October 11, 8 p. m. at 257 Plymouth avenue north. The meeting is sponsored by Local 544's Federal Workers Section.

Other speakers will be Harry C. Schmid, who took the job of Eugene V. Carstater, state vocational training director ousted by the Stassenites; Emery Nelson, Minneapolis director of state employment services; H. L. Richards, 3rd district WPA manager; and Roy Weir, organizer of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union.

As an added attraction Max Goldman and Ed Palmquist will speak on "Winter Relief and WPA Conditions."

All workers interested in receiving defense training and the conditions on such training programs are welcome to attend Friday night's meeting. Come and get the facts straight from authoritative spokesmen. Speakers will try to answer any questions.

Drivers Council To Meet Friday

Important reports on the two recent conventions, the new Teamsters constitution, and the labor temple situation will be delivered and discussed at the October meeting of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council. The meeting will be held this Friday evening, October 11th, at 257 Plymouth avenue North.

Members Specially Notified and Urged to Attend Important meeting—Report on Judge Carroll's Decision and Its Import to Be Special Order of Business—Reports Will Be Made on Conventions of State Federation and International—Stewards Get Report from Union Heads on End of Fink Suit

Members in good standing in Local 544 have been specially notified of the regular membership meeting to be held Monday, October 14th, at the union hall. Judge Carroll's decision on the book suit will be made a special order of business in the report to be made by the executive board.

Nash-Finch Campaign Is Extended

Drivers unions from North and South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska and Minnesota were represented at the Nash-Finch conference held last Saturday in the Minneapolis Drivers Hall. Progress in the campaign to further organization in the Nash-Finch chain of wholesale groceries was reported.

The discussion crystallized sentiment to extend the campaign by seeking the cooperation of drivers unions on the West Coast, whose members go into the western portions of the Dakotas and the Nebraska and Montana area. Harry DeBoer, committee chairman, was instructed to seek to arrange the next meeting on the Nash-Finch campaign in Billings, Montana, a central point between the Mississippi and the West Coast.

The strike of the Ottumwa Drivers Union against the profit-mad Nash-Finch corporation is now almost one year old. International Brotherhood of Teamsters unions in the Northwest are organizing for a real showdown with Nash-Finch. The campaign is keyed to reach its peak next summer, when present union contracts expire.

It is extremely important that every active member of the union understand fully the contents of this decision, and all are instructed to be present for the interesting report.

Monday's membership meeting will also hear reports of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters convention, and the State Federation of Labor convention in St. Paul.

"You are especially urged to let nothing interfere with your attendance at this most important meeting," Kelly Postal, union secretary-treasurer, commented in his letter to the membership.

Finks Would Amend Order While union circles were jubilant at the court's recognition of the honesty and squareness with which 544 runs its affairs, the finks and their backers were reported staggered by Judge Carroll's findings in the book suit.

Last Thursday attorneys for the finks announced they planned to move for amended findings. Whether or not this is an attempt to save face remains to be seen.

There is a 40-day stay of execution during which motions to amend the court's findings may be made.

Last Friday night the 544 Stewards heard a preliminary report on the court's decision from union officials.

A discussion of the import to organized labor of Judge Carroll's decision appears in the editorial in this issue, "Clearing the Air."

CLEARING THE AIR (An Editorial)

Just as an electrical storm serves to purify the atmosphere and cleanse it of impurities, so has Judge Paul Carroll's decision in the famed Local 544 fink suit cleared the air in this city and state. And as in many electrical storms, some objects were struck by lightning—in this case, the roster of local labor-haters.

Continuously for four years—ever since the Minneapolis General Drivers Union returned, with added strength, to the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, employers have maintained a smear campaign against Local 544. All the boss papers, in the cities and in the countryside, week after week poured their filth and venom on Local 544 particularly and organized labor in general.

With characteristic looseness and irresponsibility, a score of vile and untrue charges were regularly bandied about by the union haters. "Local 544 was run by gangsters and racketeers." "Local 544 leaders were corrupt and dishonest." "There was no democracy in 544, and the elections were crooked." "Local 544 preyed upon the workers," etc., etc., etc.

This slander campaign was picked up by the gutter press of the Communist Party, who managed to expand and embroider the original charges. The enemies of Local 544 proceeded on the theory that if enough mud is thrown, some of it will stick. Unquestionably, not a few people were taken in by the lies and slanders. Unquestionably, labor's enemies expected great things from the Local 544 book suit. They had told one another so often that 544 was crooked that, by a well-known psychological law, they had come themselves to believe the lie.

The Minneapolis General Drivers Union emerges from this trial by fire as clean and fine and militant a labor organization as its sturdiest friends could desire. The court and the boss attorneys went over Local 544's record with a fine-tooth comb AND THEY CAN'T FIND EVEN THE SHADOW OF A DISHONEST ACT IN THE WHOLE RECORD.

A prediction: It will be many a year before any benighted labor-hater dares even whisper against the honesty and integrity of Local 544 and its officers. Yes, the union will be attacked again, of that there can be no doubt. The closer comes the war, the harder will the attacks be. But they won't try to pin the label of "racketeer" or "gangster" on 544. They won't try that again.

The Court's Decision Criticized This is not to say that organized labor accepts uncritically Judge Carroll's findings. From its viewpoint, labor challenges several aspects of the findings.

1. The court requires that the officers of Local 544 accept financial responsibility for about \$6,000 of union loans and expenditures.

This sum includes loans to union members, stewards and officers—loans and donations to sister unions in Hartford, Connecticut (\$50); in San Antonio (\$185); and in Dallas (\$326.07)—the expenses of the fink drives held in October, 1937, and January, 1938 (\$1,943).

The court does not charge or infer that these loans involve any dishonesty. The court recognizes that the loans were honestly made to advance the interests of the union. But the court feels that the moneys spent were not properly spent and requires the officers of Local 544 to pay the sums back to the union.

It is true that there is a wide difference between the legal niceties of the court's findings, and what is accepted by union men and women as precedent and practice in the functions of organized labor.

Any body of genuine union persons in the coun- (Continued on page 4)

40-Hour Week Is Clarified By Fleming

Employers whose regular work week starts before midnight on Wednesday, October 23, 1940, need conform during that week to the 42 and not the 40-hour week. "It is our opinion that the 40-hour week will apply for the first time to the first full work week beginning on or after midnight, October 23, 1940," Colonel Fleming, Wage and Hour Administrator, announced.

"If the employee's work begins, for example, on Monday, October 31, 1940, the employer need pay time and a half only if more than 42 hours are worked in the period of seven consecutive days from Monday, October 21, through Sunday, October 27, inclusive. If the employee's work week begins on or after midnight, October 23, the employer must pay time and a half after forty hours are worked in the work-week beginning at such time.

The present statutory minimum wage of 30c hourly will remain unchanged until October 24, 1945, when it must be a minimum of 40c hourly.

Twelfth Ward Party Oct. 11

Twelfth Ward Farmer-Labor Club will hold a card party Saturday evening, October 12, 8:30 p. m., at 2185 East Lake St. Guests will play Five Hundred. Christ Knutson is in charge of the affair.

Petroleum Conference Is Proposed

Following considerable discussion at the International Teamsters convention, the Wisconsin State Drivers Conference proposed last week the setting up of a Midwest Petroleum Conference. The Conference would initiate an intense organization drive throughout the Middle West to bring the benefits of unionism to the petroleum workers. The industry ranks third among all industries in the United States and is still largely unorganized.

The Minneapolis Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977 will cooperate in the venture to extend organization to this field.

664 Equipment Men Notified

All members of City & Sanitary Drivers Union Local 664 who are drivers in the equipment division are hereby notified that a qualifying test will be given within the next few weeks in order that additions be made to supplement the present tractor operator list.

Applications may be obtained at the dispatcher's office. All those interested should make every effort to familiarize themselves with all of the various types of tractors owned and operated by the city.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Tobin Calls Wendell Wilkie A "Master Legal Trickster"

Daniel Tobin, president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and long known as an ardent Democratic leader, last week charged that the Republican presidential candidate, Mr. Wilkie, was a "master legal trickster."

In a statement issued through the Democratic Party National Committee, Tobin accused Wilkie of planning to bring about the collapse of the National Labor Relations Act.

"To favor the principles of the National Labor Relations Act and yet to favor in the same breath the local administration of those principles—that is the height of futility. For Mr. Wilkie must know from experience that if the enforcement of that act were left to the local communities, then the whole act would collapse."

Tobin, chairman of the Democratic National Committee's Labor Committee, has released a lengthy statement setting forth his views on the Roosevelt Administration, which he claims "has brought us who work more benefits in the short space of seven years than we as a group have ever obtained in the whole history of this great nation of ours."

Excerpts from Tobin's statement follow:

"We all remember the bread lines, the millions of people willing and able to work who couldn't find jobs, the avalanche of business bankruptcies and bank failures in the years immediately before President Roosevelt took office. And we all know how this condition has been changed since then. . . . The record speaks for itself and here it is for all of us to study."

Nearly 9,500,000 more people are at work now than had jobs in March, 1933 and that figure does not include approximately 2,000,000 additional workers on WPA, CCC and NYA jobs. . . .

"These great gains have not cured unemployment entirely but had it not been for the progressive policies of the Roosevelt Administration we would have economic chaos in the United States today with no man's job safe, no man's savings secure, and no insurance against old age, want and ill-health. . . .

"More than 4,000 new jobs will be created by the defense program and in filling these places workers have been assured by President Roosevelt that their wages will be fair, their hours of work reasonable and the conditions under which they labor safe and sanitary. As workers we know that the high standards achieved by labor under his administration will be in no way undermined or lowered as he carries out his national defense program in the next four years. . . .

"Under the Administration's Social Security program, \$3,000,000,000 has been distributed to the nation's unemployed workers, to old people, to orphans, widows and the blind. More than 28,000,000 workers are insured against loss of employment through the operation of this program and \$1,000,000,000 has already been paid out to them in benefits. Furthermore, some 50,000,000 Americans are today covered by old age insurance benefits. . . .

"The Administration's Wage and Hour program has brought increased earnings and shorter hours to thousands of workers. . . . The Public Contracts Act is still another part of the Administration's program designed to benefit directly and indirectly thousands of workers. Since the Act went into effect in September, 1936 to the end of 1940 fiscal year, 24,099 contracts valued at \$1,800,866,682 have been awarded to firms throughout the United States and its territories which have agreed to comply with the stipulations of the law."

Other policies praised by Tobin were the Civilian Conservation Corps, the emphasis placed on apprentice training, and the limitation of child labor. . . .

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Reports are that Brother Roy Golden has been studying a long time and is now a full-fledged musician. He is full of entertainment and upon occasion can pull a live mouse out of his hat. We are sure the membership would like to see the latest of his performances. . . .

At the time of our International Convention in all of the United States and Canada, there were less than two hundred members out on strike. . . .

Local 471 expresses its deepest sorrow in the death of E. A. Holden, director of Franklin Co-operative since that organization was created. . . .

To whomsoever it may concern, we wish they would lay off Brother John Sandberg for a while. Last week someone stole a new suit of clothes out of his car; this week they tried to send him to work early in the morning on three wheels plus one jack. Maybe John's neighborhood is a good place to go "duck" hunting. . . .

When Abraham Lincoln heard of the death of a private soldier, he said: "What a pity it was not a general; I could make more of them."

No pleasure is comparable to the standing upon the vantage ground of truth. — FRANCIS BACON.

Watt Notes

By Amps & Volts

WILLKIE AND HIS LABOR RECORD — for the last seven years.

(long may it wave)

Most of the material following can be found in the files of the LaFollette Civil Liberties Committee and the National Labor Relations Board, which have spent considerable time with Commonwealth & Southern and its affiliates. According to these files, the utility has hired labor spies, bought tear-gas, promoted company unions, coerced and intimidated union employees (one was apparently even poisoned), and in divers ways opposed self-organization of its employees. Its relations have been marked by strikes and bitter strife, with flagrant violations of the employees' rights.

Though President Green of the A. F. of L. gives Wilkie a satisfactory labor record, the AFL in Alabama knows different, for it was here that the NLRB ordered the Alabama Power Company last December to disband a company union.

In a pre-nomination talk in Washington, Mr. Wilkie spoke so glowingly in favor of the financial and industrial powers, and so much against labor that it sounded like an endorsement of fascism.

Seven of his companies, including Consumers Power of Michigan, have been clients of labor spy agencies. How many more there are on which evidence has been destroyed, we do not know. —Yet Wilkie says he never hired a labor spy—

In 1936, Wilkie's Ohio Edison was active in the Mahoning Valley Industrial Council, which worked to prevent organization of the steel workers.

Wilkie brags about being the first big utility man to sign with the CIO. This was Consumers Power in Michigan. But—it was necessary to strike to get a contract—and Wilkie also has the dubious distinction of being the first big utility man to have a CIO strike.

Wilkie's record at Consumers Power has been a shameful one. One man even had his sandwiches poisoned and became very ill. The company punished the foreman responsible — Myles Beattie — by laying him off for a week. Later it was found the man actually was rewarded. He had a week's vacation with pay.

The company indicted the chairman and members of the UWO's state-wide grievance committee for sabotage during the strike, thus seriously crippling the union.

There also has been much trouble on Southern Indiana Gas and Alabama Power properties.

The above material is taken from the special issue of The New Republic entitled "THIS MAN WILLKIE." Several printings have been sold out. You can get yours for one dime at the news stands.

The next membership meeting will be on Thursday, October 17, and will be the only general meeting this month. Don't let hunting interfere with your attendance. Many things have happened during the last month which will be fully reported on. Be on hand and be prepared for action.

The holidays for the operators are rolling along and the Committee will have to get busy quite soon on the 1941 holidays off.

Again we must repeat a former announcement. No request for "carries" will be honored unless presented before the last Executive Board meeting in the month preceding the month in which you would become delinquent.

According to Rodseth, there are plenty of pheasants and partridges in North Dakota. He bagged the limit in possession on a dollar and a half 3-day license.

Harry Campbell, from the Meter Department, is a great "hoss trader." He and a friend started on the Minnesota side of Lake Traverse, but things didn't look so hot, so they went over to the Dakota side and Harry attempted to make a swap with a Dakota game warden for ducks. The officer was plenty smart at swappin', too, and when they got through, they were lucky to get away with their pants, while the warden had the decoys, boat and guns. We understand they're makin' another trip out there quite soon. Better take John Goldie along, Harry.

The boys at Riverside are still waiting for Brother Anderson to get the cigar that he promised to smoke when Harry Leonard got married.

FOR GOOD SPORT ride at the Shady Nook Stables. We have hunting on horseback. Hy. 9498. 67th and Lyndale Ave. N.

Mortuaries That Are Fair

The following funeral homes are classed as FAIR:

- Anderson, Barney & Son, 3644 Chicago Ave.
- Anderson Bros., 1117 East Lake Street
- Anderson, Henry W., 1839 East Lake Street
- Anderson, W. A. (Ehrenstrom), 1825 Riverside Ave.
- Billman, Dan, 2518 Central Ave.
- Burr Funeral Home, 3040 Lyndale Ave. South
- Davis, Harvey, 4084 West Broadway (Robbinsdale)
- Enga Memorial, 1300 Lowry Ave. North
- Enger Funeral Home, Grant at Park Ave.
- Elliott Mortuary, 1900 Hennepin Ave.
- Heinrichs Funeral Home, 902 West Broadway
- Johnson Undertaking Company, 1900 Hennepin Ave.
- Kozlak, Peter Funeral Home, 1918 University Ave. N. E.
- Kapala, Stanley, 230 13th Ave. N. E.
- Larson, O. E., 2301 Central Ave.
- Oakley, Otis H., Mortuary, 1900 Hennepin Ave.
- Peterson Funeral Home, 1838 Central Ave.
- Simpson, Kenneth, Mortuary, 1900 Hennepin Ave.
- Sullivan, Frank D., 2617 Hennepin Ave.
- Sundath Funeral Home, 2024 Lyndale Ave. North
- Swanson's Mortuary, 1610 Lowry Ave. North

62% of Labor Press Urges War Industry Confiscation

Sweeping dissatisfaction with the government's efforts to prevent a new crop of war millionaires from fattening on the defense boom was voiced by participants in the Federated Press Monthly Poll of Labor Editors, Alexander Crosby, poll conductor, reported this week.

Answering the question: "Do you think congress and the administration are taking adequate steps to curb profiteering on national defense?" more than 100 labor editors declared:

	Yes	No	Undecided
AFL	14	72	14
CIO	5	92	3
Unaffiliated	19	81	0
Total average	11	82	7

Although the figures show dissatisfaction by a ratio of better than 7 to 1, a tabulation of combined circulations reveals an even broader ratio of more than 9 to 1.

Take Over Industries! Almost two-thirds (62%) of the editors said the government should take over the munitions, shipbuilding, aircraft and other key industries. Next most popular proposal (23%) was conscription of wealth through a requirement that "manufacturers fill defense contracts at cost."

Not a single editor marked as his final choice a fourth alternative, which read on the questionnaire: "To encourage manufacturers, only modest taxes should be imposed on profits in defense industries."

The Federated Press reports that comments from a number of editors were of a nature not calculated to ease the minds of defense profiteers. "\$9,000 for an airplane motor is worse than treason," said Everett Henne of the AFL Independent Weekly in Mattoon, Ill. The San Francisco Labor Herald urges government operation of all national defense industries, observing "National defense is at least as important as the post office."

"Ways will always be found to beat anti-profitteering legislation; government ownership is the only solution," says the Kalispell, Montana, AFL Labor Journal.

Administration Criticized S. Eugene Allen of the Oregon Labor Press, AFL, wrote "We do not believe that either congress or the president is taking adequate steps to prevent profiteering, nor do we believe that either of them have any intention of so doing."

Carlos Hudson of the Northwest Organizer recommended: "Key industries should be confiscated and placed under trade union control."

David Meyer of the CIO Hospital Spotlite, New York, asks: "Since living wages are not paid to soldiers, why profits for industry?"

Grace Carlson To Speak at Forum

The regular Sunday Forum on October 12th will hear Dr. Grace Carlson, candidate for United States Senator on the Trotskyist Anti-war Party ticket, present her full platform for the coming election. The forum begins at 8:30 p. m. at 919 Marquette avenue. Admission is 10c and the public is welcome.

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forts of the Executive Board to carry on. Are we shootin' square when we refuse flatly to do our bit? Perhaps as a volunteer delegate to some special meeting or what have you? Are we good fishermen when we make it necessary for the Financial Secretary to continually remind us that we are in arrears? . . .

We, all of us, are benefitting by the union. We have all made good gains. But we are not all of us cutting bait! If our union can gain as much as it has under the leadership of a handful of members it is not hard to imagine what we can accomplish if we all pull together. Let's get organized! We are unionized but we are not organized! Are you an honest-to-gosh fisherman? He's the guy who makes friends and keeps them! Oh yes—by the way—the good fisherman is also the guy who catches the most fish! . . .

My apologies to the lady members of our union. I have been saying "good guy," "good fellow," etc. Please understand those terms include you. I'm just too darned lazy to write "good fellow and good girl," etc. Here's to the ladies! God bless 'em. What would we do without 'em? . . .

The Flour City Paper Box company is again experiencing growing pains. The firm has acquired the property next to its present site on Plymouth avenue and is building an addition to the plant which will give them approximately 3,500 square feet of additional floor space. Seems the paper box industry is flourishing. . . .

Have you heard the rumor that a new paper mill is planning to come to Minneapolis? We sure hope it's true. The more the merrier. . . .

A new clause is now being drawn up which the employers will be asked to add to our present contract. Uncle Sam will protect his service men insofar as getting their jobs back when they return from the service is concerned. But it is up to your union to protect your seniority rights. The new clause will ADD your term of service to your country to your seniority. It will provide that if your job is paying more money when you return than it was when you left, or if it has in any way improved, you are to get the benefit. It is designed to take care of the service men very thoroughly. . . .

Has anyone seen Brother Meinz lately? He's as hard to contact as the president of the First National Bank. . . .

Well, come on, you fishermen. Let's all be at the next meeting. Let's be good fishermen, not just poor fish! . . .

I am often reminded of that article when I attend our regular meetings. I wonder how many honest-to-gosh fishermen there are among us! . . .

Did you ever go fishing with a party of four or five good fellows? You took your turn at the wheel, helped cut bait, did your share of the rowing, paid your fair share of the expenses, etc. . . .

Or are you the kind of fisherman who likes to sprawl all over the back seat of the car, conveniently fall asleep when it's time to buy gas, gotta go find the outhouse while the other fellows are digging bait? Then when the day's sport is over you've got your hands out for your share of the fish—share and share alike? . . .

In our entire membership I don't believe you could find a fisherman to whom you could fit the latter description. But (and here's the rub) how many of you realize that the same rules of good sportsmanship and fair play may apply to us as members of the union? Are we being good sports if we merely pay our dues and let it go at that? Are we playing fair if we can't be bothered to go to meetings but go around the shop grumbling and criticizing the ef-

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GAS LOG

By Bob Fitzsimmons

Boy, how this day Friday pops around, and when you fellows don't have any news it seems like it comes around in the middle of the week. Some of you fellows have been very good in supplying items and now that most of the vacations are over let's all help be reporters and keep the Gas Log interesting with newsy contributions. . . .

Walter Andryski of meter repair says that three weeks ago before the season for bowler opened, he hit 297 (I hope I see this right) and now he can't get over the 150 mark, which should call for some Wheaties? . . .

Let's have some dope from you bowlers on this 9 p. m. Monday night league or does a columnist have to join a team and bowl to get the news about youse guys? . . .

The drinks are on Walter Perterla of the meter repair dept. because Walt checked out with a ten spot from the Minnesota-Nebraska game jackpot. We'll see you meeting night, Walter. . . .

Frank Kessel will lead a group of hunters out to Marshall, Minnesota next Saturday to get the limit of pheasants, we hope. I've heard a lot of fish stories and about the expert shots some of you guys are, but never a fish or a duck do we see. . . .

Lester Swanson and DeLloyd Mielke must know how or do they befriend them first? Anyway these two worthies from the meter repair got the limit in ducks the opening day, and Earl Hanson and Ed Hall of utilization also rang the bell with the limit. . . .

James Mooney, collector that he is, says that the Gallop Pool is an understatement and that of 50 people he interviewed the other day "Must have been Saturday, eh, Mooney," 35 were for Roosevelt and the other 15 undecided. . . .

A check-up shows that Hilmer Forbord's street crew are all wearing their Roosevelt buttons, face out, I wonder if all the rest of you are as proud to be a boost-

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er and show the world who you are for? . . .

It seems as if the Star paper not only took over the Journal but all their conservative Republican ideas and opinions, or a case of a Star absorbing a Journal and in turn becoming absorbed by the absorbed. It would seem that the editor would leave his pal Wilkie out of the editorial column and say something creditable about the candidate of the largest part of that 240,000 circulation. . . .

With all the shooting going on we still have time to pay our respects and congratulate Alloy D. Krieger of the works and his Mrs. on that new baby girl that arrived at their place last Sunday. . . .

Bill Fyten, utilization, says his gun doesn't shoot straight; no favorable hunting results, and Will Thompson says he went hunting Saturday and got sun-burned. . . .

Lloyd Williams, permit man in the shop, likes working with us and has traded in his "heap of junk," end of quote, for a better car, which is the start of a—success story. . . .

It might be well to remember what President O'Donnell said at the last meeting about delinquent members not being able to expect any consideration if they get in a jam. C'mon fellows, it's a small item but mighty important; keep faith with your brother members, your union and yourself, pay your dues on time. . . .

With some of the routes showing tremendous growth, the meter readers are hoping that this ideal working weather continues 'til Christmas time. Some adjustment on some of the books will be necessary before bad weather sets in so that they can be completed the same day. . . .

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Iowa Farmers Union Pledges Aid to Burlington Strikers

(Continued from page 1)

here last week to study charges of unfair labor practices, but got nowhere in settling the strike. The state labor representative tried to argue the union into withdrawing its demands. Beeman, a representative of the National Manufacturers Association, was also in and out of town.

Leopold Desk Workers Organize
Saturday morning the Leopold Desk workers met and drew up a contract containing the same demands as the Northwestern Cabinet strikers, for presentation to their employer.

Northwestern Cabinet strikers are meeting at 9:30 each morning at the Labor Temple, where reports on the activities of the previous day are discussed.

Pickets are organized in squads of five, with captains in charge. Picketing assignments of four-hour shifts, day and night, are being carried out. The broad Strike Committee has arranged for reading material, cards and other games for strikers during their leisure hours. A number of local business establishments have donated liberally to the strike; consequently daily meals are served and groceries distributed to the neediest strike families. The union thanks all sister unions and those business men and sympathizers for their contributions to the cause of decent wages.

Company Violates Promise
Monday morning the company violated its promise to the union by calling two foremen to work, to unload 8 carloads of lumber. September 23rd, the day the strike started, the company called union officials and asked permission to place watchmen in the plant. The union agreed, providing that no work was attempted during the strike.

However on Monday the company violated this understanding, and showed its disrespect for employees by calling two foremen to work without notifying the Strike Committee. The situation very nearly precipitated a riot in front of the plant.

Union leaders took precautions

to avoid any unnecessary disturbances.

The company claims it is paying the foremen, even though they are at home during the strike. If this is true, the company foremen have no reason whatever to break through a picket line while their fellow employees, members of the AFL, are striking because the company refuses to bargain collectively.

No Such Thing As Neutrality
A few of the foremen claim to be "neutral." Some say they will not take sides until the strike is over. Others say they will not break in strike-breakers on jobs performed by employees now on strike.

Union men, however, say there is no such animal as a "neutral person" in this strike. Either you are for the boss or you are for the workers. You must take a position now.

The two foremen now strike-breaking also claimed they were "neutral." Yet they are actually doing work performed by men now on strike. Tomorrow these same "neutral" foremen would no doubt like to educate strike-breakers to take the jobs of strikers.

The union warned it will not tolerate such a brand of sneaking and dishonest "neutrality."

LOCAL 1859
Knots to You
By Richard B. Gilmore

The Sage of the Mack Truck quotes a little economic history:

As long as the swapping of American bounty for foreign bonds continued all went well and folks thanked God for Coolidge.

But when the swapping ceased all went to hell and the intelligent sovereigns murdered poor Hoover. Yet, and you can believe it or not, after Germany had reconstructed its industry with American credit and was ready to pay war indemnities, the legislators in Washington hoisted the tariff wall to protect Uncle Sam against the payment of both interest and principal.

With nothing coming in and nothing going out and the American masses too poor to buy now or later of the mounting surplus of blessings, our prosperity went to pieces. Unquote. You see, the thing we have got to keep in mind is that even after we win a war we cannot collect our winnings.

Our last general membership

meeting was very short and snappy. Brother Ed Palmquist of the Federal Workers' Section spoke and pointed out some enlightening facts about the changes being made in the relief set-up. It is plain to see that a strong and militant F.W.S. is the workers' best protection against the time when he is unemployed.

The North Central District Council of Furniture and Woodware Workers is conducting a strike in Burlington, Iowa, where the workers at the Northwestern Cabinet company are out to get union conditions. This is in accord with the program of 1859 and the N.C.D.C. to bring the wood-ware workers of the northwest up to our wage level. Our organizer, Brother John Janosco, will give a full report on what has been done at our next general meeting, November 6, and believe me, brothers and sisters, it will be an eye-opener.

Walter Raven spoke on behalf of the Labor School at 616 Third Ave. S., second floor. There are classes in everything from economics to chorus, including labor history, blue print reading and estimating and journalism. (Here is a chance for the press.) The labor school will have classes Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 8 p. m. Registration blanks can be obtained at our office or at the school. There will be open house with doughnuts and coffee free for nuthin', October 14, all evening at the labor school. This is good, brothers and sisters, and if any of you can attend, I wish you would.

The Grievance Board worked over-time last Tuesday as the Executive Board and Joe are making good on their threat to see that everybody observes the hours of starting and finishing. So take a little advice from me from the inside. Be sure that you observe all the rules and regulations and you will have little or no trouble as the Executive Board is determined that everybody observes the rules, particularly in starting and checking in.

On September 14, Sister Louise Holsinger of Northwest Casket section was married to Patrick O'Byone. Mr. and Mrs. O'Byone spent their honeymoon up north. Best wishes and congratulations from 1859.

Sister Myrtle Moe wants her friends to know that her mother is now fully recovered from her operation and is at home as good as new. Myrtle sez, "Gee, I'm glad ma's back home."

The wedding bells rang out recently for Brother Ray of National Window Shade company. He comes to work earlier now. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bray from Local 1859.

Anybody who knows what's the difference between 110 volts and 200 volts and if so what, please get in touch with Brother Ray Rebocky. There is a difference, and how!

Clark Section meeting October 16, 8 p. m.

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The 289 Blab
By A. M. Ogren

Next meeting will be the Cake and Pie meeting at 4:30 p. m., Thursday, October 17. The meetings from now on will become increasingly more important to attend, so get out, youse guys, and find out what's going on.

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Joe Lindsay, formerly with Rafert's, is back on his feet again after quite a long time in the Veterans' Hospital. Two months, in fact. But he is feeling fit as a fiddle again and ready to go to work.

The Grennan's Bowling Team will strut out this week in brand new Royal Blue gabardine slacks. Gene Anderson, Grennan's, was "took sick" last Tuesday, the opening of the duck season. Got his limit, too.

Jimmie Donovan, Rafert's, after being a life-long Democrat and supporter of Roosevelt, has, I'm told, switched to Willie and the Republicans. Tsk, tsk, Jimmie. Haven't you heard that old saying: "Vote for Willie, the American way. Longer hours, shorter pay?" And besides, only millionaires are Republicans.

Larry Weiss, Grennan's, according to late dispatches, is the first one in the state room and the last one out. Don't you know that's Johnny Lawrence's place, Larry? He's got seniority rights because he saw her first.

Mrs. Joe O'Hare is getting along fine in the hospital where she has been convalescing after quite a serious operation.

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TAXI TOPICS

By F. H. Lunde

C. Freddie Cipperly is recuperating at home after a winning battle with serious complications after an operation. He lives at 820 26th Ave. N. E. and enjoys your visits.

Be sure and attend your next regular Local No. 958 meeting October 17th.

The "drive yourself" idea has taken quite a hold with smart-guys who steal any unattended cab "just for the ride." C. G. McIntosh of the Liberty helped Holger Pearson run down a cab thief and turned him over to the law, but not before he had done considerable damage to the Y. cab. Moral: shut your motors off or lock the cab if possible.

Fish story of the year; and we got these good union brothers to prove it: Seth Edson, "Silver Bass" O'Brien, Parmelee Fisher, "Two Sack" Ryan and "Half Cup" Sorensen were fishing Lac Qui Parle Lake off the bridge when a native of those parts pulled out a three pound albino pickerel, pink eyes and all. No jokes about what they had to drink either, see.

Follow up nature study: H. McKean, Y. C. starter at G. N. station, has not one, but two albino squirrels the size of small gray squirrels running around his yard.

Charlie Morris had a tough break last Monday when his Plymouth burned in the home garage.

Watch your bulletin boards: Important advice is posted there for your benefit and guidance.

A number of our nimrods are bringing home the ducks, but Johnny Jallo really does his duck-hunting in a big way; he flew his new Locomobile-Luscombe to Roseau, Minnesota, and bucked a terrific headwind, using up plenty of gas to bring home that duck dinner.

Fred Settrum "The sage of Seventh street," spent two days of his vacation "busting broncos" on his brother's farm. Now he is all set for a tough customer.

At the last regular meeting Roy "Shorty" DePew was elected to the Local No. 958 entertainment committee which includes the following, Floyd "Rebel" Griggs, H. Watson and F. H. Lunde. Any and all suggestions in regards to athletics, dances, picnics or parties will be considered by this committee, put your ideas on paper and hand them in.

During rush business it is more important than ever to get out of your hocks to assist passengers into the cabs. People unfamiliar with the cabs are very apt to bump their heads, pinch their fingers or otherwise injure themselves. They pay you for service, give it to them.

October 16th is the day, boys, have a good exemption well dusted off or we'll be seeing you all in uniform. All this ruckus on account of an ex-paper hanger, and non-union at that.

Your kind expression of sympathy has been received and is deeply appreciated.

Mrs. Ernest Lundeen
Joan and Ernest Ward, Jr. pay are being adjusted at the Phillips and Pure Oil companies. Sec. Davidson is representing the members in the settlement.

Last month there were eight members given medical attention in the office of Dr. Korchik, the local's physician. The total fees for this medical service was \$96; each member paid but \$1.20 for a year of medical care—that is but one of the benefits derived from your local.

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Bakery Drivers Union Member is Candidate For Bronzeville Mayor

Jimmy Slemmons, popular young head of the Minneapolis Joint Negro Labor Council and member of the St. Paul Bakery Drivers Union Local 409, is well up in front in the race for the Bronzeville Mayor of the Twin Cities.

The contest is sponsored by the Associated Negro Credit Union and has gained the interest of the ten thousand Negroes and their friends in the Twin Cities.

Over 2,000 votes have already been garnered by Slemmons. The ballots will be counted November 23rd.

ON BOSS POLITICIANS?
But all was false and hollow; though his tongue Dropp'd manna, and could make the worse appear

The better reason, to perplex and dash Matures counsels.
—JOHN MILTON

Independent Truck Chatter
R. F. Hornig

As ordered at the last meeting, your Ways and Means met this Monday evening and laid plans for a special meeting for Thursday night. Notices will be sent to all ITO and a large turnout is looked for. Milt reports that we have a better than three hundred paid up membership to date.

Of minor importance to the driver's movement as a whole, the defeat of the strike against Morse Brothers, contractors from Rochester, on a road job out St. Bonifacius way, has been the first defeat for the teamsters' unions in this territory. This pill can be sugar-coated with the report that whiskeys can be heard that an egg is due at the door of Art Hudson for this fiasco.

Lo! and behold; our ITO section has finally progressed so far as to have brought seniority with a contractor to the point where an argument has developed over "bumping." The Fielding-Shepley crew came back from Tyler after two weeks work, claimed their seniority on the Olson Hi-way and got it. Sez Pete Chouinard: "That Tyler job was a honey. AGC hauling rates for batch work and good time right straight through piled up better than \$200 for two weeks. This outfit is aces with me." We can vouch for the opinions of the other boys that this is true and this includes Waddell, too. Everyone of them is pulling for them to be successful bidders on the next leg of this big reconstruction of the Sixth Avenue North road.

The Craig boys are up in arms over the time rating on the gravel haul. Things may be straightened out easily by merely going over an explanation of what the boys want according to the AGC contract. Starting Wednesday, Craig is supposed to pay a \$25 a day penalty for going over the time limit. Four thousand tons of gravel still has to be hauled for the black top mat.

Frankie got himself all mixed up on which crew he was supposed to work with and as a result had him a roundelay with the steward. Ralph got three hours' time before the battle ended, but may come out on the bottom yet because Axel cited him for an appearance before the grievance board.

The coal trucks start to roll as our dirt season winds up. It's the last week for the county if what they say is O. K. . . . The Belt Line is getting dirt hungry. Side boards are in evidence on all except the biggest boxes. I caught a look at Sullivan's and wondered if he had quit and was chiseling in with the gravel crew. . . . The steward says the state has bought a thirty acre gravel pit for the big fills on Sixth avenue. A \$15,000 deal.

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Excelsior and Minnetonka Blvd
64th and Lyndale Ave. S.
Holmes and Lake St.
- Standard Stations—North
Plymouth and Oliver Ave. N.

The more I see and hear Miles Dunne expound his views on labor problems the more I appreciate the sincere quality of his intelligence and leadership in the labor movement.

Brother "Daddy" Zander has been rather stingy with his presence at our meetings this summer, now that I come to think of it. It must be matters of great importance that occupy his time to keep him away from the boys he loves to argue with.

Bowling notes: A few more volunteers have joined us Tuesday night at St. Joe. Banik is league bowling at the new alleys on Lowry and Emerson. Ray Woolery, last year's committee star, joined a co-operative team. Tony Palia is chasing strikes Monday nights in league competition. Perhaps we can have an ITO tournament later on in the year.

I've been worrying about it for two weeks now, but my weakness for bragging gets the better of me, so I report (if you believe me) a compliment for this column from a member subscriber of the Pulp and Sulphide Union.

Biggest complaint coming in these days centers on the contracts carrying a certification clause for hired trucks. If it means what it says a good many ITO members would like to see the matter carried out from printing on paper to practice on the job.

A not so hot prospect from the sectional viewpoint of the ITO is the latest case of two smart boys getting the jump on the Ways and Means committee by slipping through the grievance board for a reinstatement.

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Preamble of Constitution of American Federation of Labor
"Whereas, a struggle is going on in all the nations of the civilized world between the oppressors and the oppressed of all countries, a struggle between the capitalist and the laborer, which grows in intensity from year to year, and will work disastrous results to the toiling millions if they are not combined for mutual protection and benefit.
"It, therefore, behooves the representatives of the Trade and Labor Unions of America, in convention assembled, to adopt such measures and disseminate such principles among the mechanics and laborers of our country as will permanently unite them to secure the recognition of rights to which they are justly entitled.
"We, therefore, declare ourselves in favor of the formation of a thorough Federation, embracing every trade and labor organization in America, organized under the Trade Union System."

Clearing the Air

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try would unhesitatingly approve the disposition by Local 544 of every cent of the \$6,000 in question. The loans to individual unionists were made in the regular course of organization work and expenses and care for distressed union members.

As a homely example, a staff member of Local 544 had his bridgework broken when set upon by a group of strike-breakers. The new bridgework cost \$100. The union paid the bill. The union membership heard a report on this, and approved it, as will the union reader. The court says the officers must repay this \$100. Another example: in the course of his organization work for the North Central District Drivers Council (which the court recognized as a legitimate union undertaking), Farrell Dobbs received \$941.37 for expenses at various places throughout the Northwest. The International has not yet reimbursed Local 544 for this amount. The court says the officers are legally responsible to pay it back.

As to certain loans and donations to sister unions. The 544 donation to the Hartford Central Labor Union was made in response to a nation-wide appeal endorsed by the American Federation of Labor. The court appears to feel 544's solidarity with the rest of the labor movement need not extend to Hartford, or to Texas. The court orders the 544 officers to repay these donations. The union reader, of course, will take the opposite view.

That distance was the criterion used by the court in disposing of these loans is indicated by the court's approval of similar loans and donations made to other unions within the 11-state area.

The fink drives present an interesting example of the divergence between labor's view and the court's view.

The fink drives to organize the unorganized drivers of Minneapolis were launched in 1937 as the answer of the local drivers' movement to the widespread attacks of the employers. The fink drives produced excellent results from the viewpoint of trade unionism. The Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council assumed responsibility for, and led and directed these drives. In particular, Pat Corcoran (then secretary-treasurer of the Council) advocated the Council sponsor these drives, and showed how every union affiliated with the council would benefit organizationally from this activity.

Who will question Pat Corcoran's devotion to unionism? A few weeks after the first series of very effective fink drives Pat Corcoran paid with his life for his devotion to unionism. Every one of the local drivers' unions participated in and gained from the fink drives. Scores of the best union men from each local participated in these drives. The court holds that 544's officers must pay back to the union the expenses involved in 544's participation in the drives. The union reader will disagree.

2. The court holds that the annual election in December, 1940, "shall be under the direction of a person appointed by this Court," and specifies in the memorandum that the person to be appointed "will be someone who is neutral . . . one who is known to be friendly to organized labor and who is a member of a union which is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor."

While this court ruling has no practical meaning for Local 544, it sets a bad precedent for the courts, and organized labor takes exception to the ruling.

Today a judge appoints a friendly union man to direct a union election. This creates a legal precedent whereby tomorrow a judge can appoint an enemy of organized labor to direct a union election, with all the possibilities inherent in such a situation to distort the democratic desires of the union membership.

Labor disagrees with Judge Carroll in his election proposal. Labor asks, Why specify that an outsider direct a 544 election when the court found that Local 544 elections were fairly held?

On this point the court observed "that the actions of the officers in filling vacancies and calling a special election for president were all well known by the membership at large and there is no evidence of any protest against such action."

"In the elections above referred to (from 1936 through 1940) the Australian ballot system was used, voting was allowed over a period of two days and, so far as the evidence discloses, the elections were fairly held. That the membership, generally, were fully aware of the manner of holding such elections, and acquiesced and took part therein."

In its memorandum the court points out that "There is no evidence in this case that the elections were not fairly held. Counsel for plaintiffs contend that the two days given for voting was unnecessary and simply made for an opportunity to tamper with the ballots. There is no proof that would justify any such an inference."

In view of the courts' own findings as to the fairness with which Local 544 conducts its elections, labor questions why the court deems it necessary to appoint an outsider to direct a 544 election. This action does not flow from logic or from evidence, and does create a dangerous legal precedent. Labor opposes it on these grounds.

Kinzer Charged with Deal to Place Relative in State Job Left by Eugene Carstater

(Continued from page 1) with having used his office for political purposes.

Catlin told of the teacher training session in the Miller Vocational High school last February. Under cross-examination he stated that Carstater's alleged statement that store owners are "chiselers and racketeers" had been made during a free discussion in which most of the members of the group had joined; in the course of the class meeting the conclusion was reached that both employers and employees should be consulted when setting up a training program for retail store workers.

Moves for Dismissal After this testimony, Drake moved that each of the charges against Carstater be dismissed because the board of education had failed to present evidence of even a prima facie basis for the charges. The civil service board took the motions under advisement, after which Drake made his opening statement indicating what defense would be offered against the charges made and the nature of the evidence to be produced.

To the charge that Carstater had failed to cooperate in distributing vocational training cards recommended by Washington and the U. S. War Department, Drake said the minutes and correspondence of the state board of education meetings will show that Carstater referred the matter to the board at three separate monthly meetings, and that the board's decision, once reached, was carefully carried out.

Carstater Well Qualified Evidence will be produced to show that Carstater was eminently qualified for the post of state vocational training director, Drake said. He cited 53 items of evidence to be produced with regard to the development of the training program. It was then he openly charged Governor Stassen, Attorney General Burnquist and the state board of education with sabotaging and delaying the training program.

Mincing no words, Drake went on: "We will further show that state and federal expenditures for vocational education for the current year in Minnesota . . . will involve at least \$1,000,000 and the employment of hundreds of teachers, trainers, and employees. We will show that this lush pasturage has attracted the hungry eyes of politicians, and that the present proceeding is an attempt to invade and politicize the state department of education."

"In addition to proof of facts referred to above, and in further proof of the statement that this proceeding is part and parcel of a political invasion of the department of education, we will show the following: That Schmid, chosen by the board of succeed Carstater, was himself ineligible under the provisions of the Minnesota contract, the Minnesota statutes and the announced policies and regulations of the U. S. Department of Education; that the fact of Schmid's ineligibility was known to the board; that the claim that Carstater's dismissal was predicated upon fear of losing Federal aid is insincere and a mere pretext, because the majority of the

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board appointed a successor whose ineligibility was known to them. We will show that the reasons for Schmid's appointment, as well as Carstater's dismissal, were political . . ."

Kinzer's Deal

Drake outlined how John Kinzer (who in 1938 was the Farmer-Labor candidate for lieutenant-governor and who has since jumped over to the Stassen camp), a relative of Schmid's, has sought a state job for Schmid.

At the conclusion of the opening statement Carstater took the stand for examination and the remainder of the session was given over to his testimony.

The hearing will be continued at 9:30 Monday morning, October 14th, and union leaders are urged to attend and acquaint themselves in detail with the significance and character of the Carstater case.

With the Limousines

By Home James

Here we go again for more news. The entertainment committee is sure on the job. It visited our good member Bill Hines, who fell down and broke his leg. They usually shoot horses but in this case the best they can do is humor him and keep him in good "spirits." Here's wishing him the best of luck and a speedy recovery.

Bill says that he never saw so many members that needed medical attention at one time—it took about two quarts of medicine to set things straight.

Carl G. is now known as the 60 minute bouncer. He says it hurts him to have to drop nickles for Ed. L., in the meters—ask him.

Ted Gardner and E. Neilson are coming in from the lake this week so we hope to see them once in a while — there's no excuse now, boys, for not coming to the meetings.

Flash—we say that it is remarkable the amount of money that is spent on these parking meters.—Who is this union chauffeur that eats dinner at the Toddle House with his boss and we know for sure that he doesn't eat hamburgers?

We all know that 544 scored a victory but the way the boss' papers make it read a lot differently.—So you should read a good newspaper, the Northwest Organizer.

One of the first things you see on the cast on Bill's leg is Local 912 in large printed letters.

To let his employer know what he thought about his alleged salary, a chauffeur recently wrote above his signature, when he cashed his check, "Any resemblance between this and living wage is purely coincidental."

To all members: Make every effort to attend the next two meetings as there are matters of vital importance coming up. We hope to see you all Tuesday night, October 15.

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ANOTHER LOAD From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664

By Wally Raze

Having been asked twenty-two times a day for the past week, "How come no column last week?" I offer the following explanation: For some months past the Organizer has passed me up occasionally. Needless to say, its absence from my mail box irritates me no end. In fact, I get positively petulant. Came the second Friday and no Organizer. I reached such a state of emotional instability, accompanied by sporadic fits of profanity, that my writing became suddenly paralyzed. However, a quick and complete recovery was effected by the timely arrival of the Organizer last Friday. Happy days are here again.

(Office Worker's note: Your name has never left our list, Wally. For proof, we refer you to our Circulation Department. Guess you'll have to blame it on the U. S. mail.—Your old friend, Bea.)

Last regular meeting was run off very smoothly and without any waste of words and time and consequently adjourned much earlier than usual. Brother Francis Ryan won the drawing.

No action has as yet been taken by the B.P.C. on our request for \$135 minimum monthly wage due to the absence from the city of Superintendent Bossen and his assistant, Charles Doell. We should have some definite information by next meeting night, so attend it and find out for yourselves.

The B.P.C. White and Federal trucks will be traded in on new ones soon. This deal should help the drivers in more ways than one — more comfort and more days of work for the new trucks. The old ones were not suitable for several types of hauling.

The small lake at the intersection of St. Anthony Boulevard and Lowry avenue has been christened "Lake Lardero" by Brother Gravy Davy Shea whose petition to that end met with hearty and unanimous approval. When asked how come, he wanted the lake named for Brother Eugene "Lardero" Cypher. Davy explained that both Brother Cypher and the lake were so very round and short and wide.

Brother "Ace Kid" De Laitre appeared to be sorta weak last Monday.

Brother Billy "Stromberry" Pye is sure getting absent-minded these days. That episode in the wash room last week will convince the most skeptical.

Brother Chris Jensen spent his vacation touring the west as far as California and came back to work all stuck up with stickers all over his Plymouth. He reported a swell trip.

"Little Dictator" Lanigan and the press spent some time last week endeavoring to hang more or less descriptive nicknames on several of our brothers at 38th and Bryant. Brother Reick has been tentatively labeled "Moose-Nose" and earnest efforts will be made in the future to get Brother Carl Erickson to respond to "Goose-Face." Of course, the success of our efforts depends on the cooperation of Brothers Reick and Erickson and if the same is not forthcoming I hereby wash my hands of any responsibility for injuries received by any of the brothers, because of any lack of said cooperation. From here on, you are on your own. Any suggestions concerning nicknames (printable) will be welcomed especially from Lewis and Carl.

Yes, Brother Clark, the piano is right where it was day before yesterday.

Attention: Brother Husebo. Your better half has a birthday this month. Incidentally, mine is the 24th.

Brothers Mlynek and P. Larson spent a weekend at Brother Martin's cabin and report a good time.

Brother "Ham" Martin was ill with flu last week but is O. K. now.

After gazing at Brother Marvin "Mis" Giving's forearms the other day, I felt like predicting a hard winter and after seeing Brother Coash's I definitely did. Talk about fur!

Stan Fisher, recently returned from Alaska, showed up at the warehouse last week looking fine. He may be back in our midst again soon. Maybe.

The boys who took time off for

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We ask readers to give the books borrowed the same care they would give their own books, and to keep no book out over one week, as there are many demands for books.

Why not start this week to make use of the Organizer circulating library for union readers?

Card of Thanks

To Local 544:
Gratefully acknowledging and thanking you for the kind expression of your sympathy.
Marjorie and Lloyd Flint

Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

By L. Clair Johnson

The pheasant season opens Saturday and we wonder what park the two boys from the Minneapolis Laundry are going to try this year; we mean the ones who didn't fare so good in St. Louis Park last year. Ever try Como Park, boys, we understand you might be able to make a deal with the park board there.

Due to an error, we were not informed that Ray Hoover of Neven's had an auto accident over Labor Day and injured his foot. He was off from work for four weeks, but is back on the job again now.

One of our members brought your B. A. a nice mallard last Monday. It was sure appreciated and the B. A.'s wife said she liked pheasant, too.

The world power politics are sure going strong; looks as if we might be able to get into the mess either through the front or back door without trying very hard, and soon, too. Probably before the big shots are anywhere near ready to fight. A fellow who keeps leading with his chin and talking nasty, often gets clipped before he gets his dukes up. Germany doesn't seem to be invading Britain very fast so it ought to be some little time before the threat of invasion here becomes a matter of consequence. We often wonder about what some of those people mean who talk the loudest about the American Way. And where in America, Europe or Asia are we going to start enforcing the Monroe Doctrine.

Should we do a little shadow boxing on the other side of the world, so we will be in trim for the main bout that's supposed to be held some time in the future in our own domain on this side of the world. Seems that it would be rather embarrassing for all of us if the preliminaries led into the main bout thousands of miles from home, especially us millions who thought all the time we were preparing for defense of the Monroe Doctrine and the Western Hemisphere, by building up such a formidable defense machine that the rest of the world would be afraid to attack us at home. Are we arming for defense or offense? Are we going to get in the war before we get this defense machine built that is supposed to scare the rest of the world from attacking us?

duck-hunting on the first two days of the season had little or no luck, the weather being against them. Brother Ted Newville hauled a 7 pound walleys out of Limestone last weekend. Nice going, Ted.

Brother Richard Gilmore of Local 1859, has started another of his instructive fables in sarcasm in this issue. Look it up and read it. It will make you think between chuckles.

How's about another session of cribbage, Parnell? Or would the gals rather play 500? I dare you to ask yours.

Brother Al Mlynek recently became a home-owner and will move this week.

On the National Picket Line

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when the union found "there was no way to segregate defense materials from other goods." That's the New York Times' story. What happened, in all probability is that the bosses thought sending any and all stuff labeled as "defense material" would be a good way to circumvent the strike.

The National Defense Council has assigned John W. Cofer of the U. S. Labor Department, to designate bona-fide defense materials, after a complaint from six companies holding defense contracts in the Newark area that they are unable to get such materials as steel, electrical supplies, lumber and chemicals.

Local 478 in Newark met on Monday night to hear a demand by Mayor Ellenstein that a ninety-day truce be granted to allow for arbitration. The membership unanimously turned down this attempt to break their strike. There is a very noticeable shortage of fresh vegetables on the market, and most of the meat shops are bare. Should the union agree to such a truce they would probably have to fight this same fight all over again in ninety days or lose all that they have already gained.

Up to late last week there had still been no progress in the negotiations between the representatives of the UAW-CIO Executive Council and the General Motors corporation in Flint. The nineteen men who were fired after a company-provoked fight some time ago were still not back at work. Philip Murray was sent into the

situation by the CIO. His presence can mean one of two things—either the CIO feels that his prestige as a national representative will push the GMC into line, or they are getting ready to again sell the auto workers down the road and they feel the need of a super-salesman in Flint to push it over.

Recommended Reading for Unionists

(At the suggestion of several readers, the Northwest Organizer will recommend interesting and worthwhile books for union readers.)

Jimmy Higgins, by Upton Sinclair
When we reviewed Upton Sinclair's books recently, we left out one of his very best, and that for a good reason. It deserves a special review of its own in view of the present period of war and economic chaos. We refer to the story of "Jimmy Higgins."

Jimmy Higgins was a rank and file socialist, who did all those necessary but lowly tasks inherent in any movement. He peddled literature, sold tickets, ushered at workers' meetings, doing uncomplainingly and gladly all the work that the others found themselves too busy to do. Then he was caught up in the storm of World War No. 1.

The book tells of how the employers used the war situation as a stick to beat the unions; it tells of Jimmy Higgins' life in the army and what he thought of the war. It relates how Jimmy was sent to Siberia with the American Expeditionary Force to put down the Russian workers who had overthrown the czar and overthrown capitalism and established a workers' government. When he and the others were asked by the Russian workers: "Brothers, why do you fight us?" he had no answer and neither did his officers. The army mutinied. The book faithfully portrays the rebellions that broke out in all the Allied armies at that time.

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

LOCAL 471 General Membership — First and third Tuesday each month, 7 p. m. Girls' Section — Second Tuesday each month (7:30 p. m.) Milk Haulers — Fourth Tuesday, 8:30.	LOCAL 160 General Membership — Third Thursday. Seniority Board — Every Monday. Executive Board — Every Tuesday. Stewards — First Thursday. This schedule will be maintained from August to October.
LOCAL 131 Second Thursday each month, 8 p. m., third floor.	LOCAL 221 Day Laborer Section — First Tuesday each month. Independent Truck Owners Section — Second Tuesday each month.
LOCAL 958 Night Drivers — 1 p. m., third Thursday each month. Day Drivers — 7 p. m., third Thursday each month.	LOCAL 1859 Membership — September 4. Box Section — September 10. J. R. Clark Section — September 18. Stewards — September 9 and 23. Executive board — Every Friday night. Notice: The Grievance Board will meet once a month (on the third Thursday of each month) until further notice.
LOCAL 1086 The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	LOCAL 20481 Grain King — September 17, 4:15 p. m. Twin City Lumber — September 17, 4:45 p. m. Twin City District Council Hall, Hastings Section — September 17, 8 p. m.
PETROLEUM DRIVERS LOCALS 544 AND 977 AND WAREHOUSEMEN Regular Membership Meeting — First Wednesday each month.	LOCAL 259 Second Monday of each month.
LOCAL 977 General Membership — Second Monday each month, 9 p. m. Executive Board — Each Monday, 8 p. m. Lessee Section — Third Wednesday, 9 p. m.	LOCAL NO. 544 OCTOBER Wednesday, October 2 — Sausage; Petroleum. Thursday, October 3 — Greenhouse; Independent Truck Owners. Friday, October 4 — Job Stewards. Monday, October 7 — Package Delivery; Department Stores. Tuesday, October 8 — Lumber; Raymond Bros. 9 p. m. Wednesday, October 9 — Market, Wholesale Liquor. Friday, October 11 — Wholesale Grocery; Meat Drivers. Monday, October 14 — General Membership. Thursday, October 17 — Tent and Awning; Newspaper, 10 a. m. I. T. O. Ways and Means. Friday, October 18 — Job Stewards. Monday, October 21 — Furniture; Coal; Paper and Printing. Tuesday, October 22 — Building Material. Wednesday, October 23 — Sand and Gravel; Excavating. Thursday, October 24 — Transfer and warehouse; Wholesale Drug. Friday, October 25 — Cold Storage; Produce. Monday, October 28 — Spring Water. Seniority committee meets each Tuesday at 7 p. m. in Hall 3. Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m. in Local No. 544 office, first floor. The Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 10 a. m. in the large hall on the first floor. All regular meetings start at 8 p. m. unless otherwise indicated.
FEDERAL WORKERS Regular Membership — Second Friday each month, 8 p. m. Stewards — First and third Wednesdays.	LOCAL 289 Retail Drivers — First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers — Second Thursday. Yeast Drivers — Third Tuesday. Cake and Pie — Third Thursday. General Membership — Fourth Thursday. Inside Workers — Last Saturday, 3 p. m.
LOCAL 346 Regular Membership Meeting 2nd Monday each month, 8:30 p. m., 4th Monday each month, 1:30 p. m.	LOCAL 103 Regular Membership Meeting — Second Monday of each month. Executive Committee Meeting on call.
PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	LOCAL 275 Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local 275, meets the first Friday of every month.
LOCAL 359 Stewards — Second Mondays. Executive Board — First and third Mondays. General Membership — Second Tuesdays.	